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PLASMA CVD APPARATUS COMPRISING A PLASMA CONFINING ELECTRODE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

a substrate processing zone with a deposition substrate area disposed therein, a plasma generating zone for generating plasma of a first gas, and a plasma confining electrode for separating the substrate processing zone and the plasma generating zone and confining the first gas and having holes for passing the first gas containing neutral radicals from the first gas plasma such that the first gas is uniformly supplied to the substrate processing zone, wherein

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